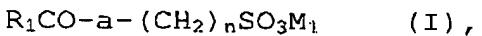


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## Claims

1. A hair dye composition comprising a component (A), which is a long-chain acyl sulfonic acid salt anionic surfactant represented by the following formula (I):



wherein  $R_1CO-$  represents a saturated or unsaturated fatty acid residue (acyl group) having an average carbon atom number of 10 to 22; a represents  $-O-$  or  $-NR-$ , wherein R represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C3 alkyl group;  $M_1$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, an alkaline earth metal, an ammonium, or an organic amine; and n represents an integer of 1 to 3, in an amount of 0.1 to 10.0 wt.%; a component (B), which is an aliphatic alcohol, in an amount of 0.25 to 25.0 wt.%; and a component (C), which is an acid dye and/or a natural dyestuff.

2. The hair dye composition as recited in claim 1, wherein the ratio by weight of the component (A) to the component (B) is 1 : 2.5 to 1 : 50.

3. The hair dye composition as recited in claim 1, wherein the component (C) is contained in an amount of 0.001 to 2.0 wt.%.

4. The hair dye composition as recited in claim 1, wherein the pH of the composition is 1.5 to 4.5.